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## **FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING FROM STAMP MACHINES**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former postal employee pleaded guilty in federal court today to stealing tens of thousands of dollars from stamp machines at the Kansas City Main Post Office.

**Timothy M. McCullough**, 58, of Overland Park, Kan., waived his right to a grand jury indictment and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to a federal information that charges him with stealing \$126,494.

**McCullough** was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a self-service postal center technician from November 1989 through December 2002. In that position, Graves explained, his duties included performing routine maintenance and equipment repairs on equipment at the Main Post Office, replenishing stamp stock in machines, and collecting money from sales for remittance to the bank.

By pleading guilty, **McCullough** admitted that he collected money from stamp machines from November 2000 to November 2002, which he kept for his own use rather than remitting to a bank on behalf of the Postal Service. **McCullough** contends the amount of loss is between \$70,000 and \$120,000. Today's information alleges that the loss is approximately \$126,494.

Under federal statutes, **McCullough** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000 and an order of restitution. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall. It was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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